Northland Foundation awards 42 grants, including more than $50,000 for child care expansion

Northeast Minnesota – During the second quarter of 2019, the Northland Foundation awarded 42 grants totaling $389,835. Five grants of $10,000 were made to increase the supply of child care openings in the region. The five child care grants were awarded to help with the start-up four new programs that will be located in Eveleth, Aitkin, Duluth, and Hermantown, and to help expand an existing child care program located in Virginia. The $50,000 in funding for these grants was provided by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

“We are appreciative that the State of Minnesota has committed funding to help increase access to high-quality child care in our region,” stated Tony Sertich, Northland Foundation’s President. “Solutions to the shortage of care can be found if public and private sectors – like the Northland Foundation – work together with local communities, and we continue to support the child care providers who are already doing this incredibly important job.”

All 42 grants made between April 1st and June 30th are as follows.

**Child Care Grants, Northeastern Minnesota**
For child care program start-ups and expansions with funding provided by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the support of the Northland Foundation.

- **Brandie’s Little Bear Learning Center, Eveleth**
  - $10,000
- **Hope United Methodist Church, Duluth**
  - $10,000
- **Virginia Drop In Daycare, Virginia**
  - $10,000
- **Aitkin Health Services, Aitkin**
  - $10,000
- **Duluth Area Family YMCA, Duluth**
  - $10,000

**YWCA of Duluth, Duluth**
To support high quality care and education for the YWCA's child care and preschool programs.

- **Northome KIDS PLUS/Northome School, Northome**
  - $5,000
  
  To provide programming to introduce youth to a variety of careers.

- **Northome KIDS PLUS/Northome School, Northome**
  - $2,500
  
  To support a new service learning program for middle school students.

**Hibbing Public Library, Hibbing**
To support a summer reading program in the Hibbing area.
Hibbing Kinship Mentoring Program, Hibbing
To support strong social-emotional development through mentoring for Hibbing area youth. $27,500

Cook County Schools - ISD #166, Grand Marais
To support in-school programming that supports the social-emotional development of students. $18,000

Kids Closet of Duluth, Duluth
To provide school clothing and winter outerwear to students in need. $5,000

North Shore Health Care Foundation, Grand Marais
To support access to oral health education and care to children and youth in Cook County. $10,000

INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Fathers Rise Together, Duluth
To support business planning workshops to assist entrepreneurs of color in the Duluth area. $9,000

Well Being Development, Ely
To support the launch of a new program to help people with chronic mental illness gain access to employment opportunities. $25,000

Arc Northland, Duluth
To support the development of a new strategic plan. $4,500

Northland Counseling Center, Grand Rapids
To support an updated housing study for Itasca County. $2,500

Falls Hunger Coalition, Inc., International Falls
To increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for people with low incomes. $10,000

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Grand Rapids
To support the distribution of fresh produce to low-income families through market pop-ups. $20,000

Advocates Against Domestic Abuse d/b/a HOPE (Healing Opportunity Provided Equally), Aitkin
To support programming to increase the safety of victims of domestic violence. $25,000

Ely Community Health Center, Ely
To support health care services for people without insurance. $11,000
AGING

Mobility Mania, Grand Rapids
To increase independent living, inclusion, and integration for people in wheelchairs, aging adults, and their caregivers in Itasca County.

Koochiching Aging Options, International Falls
To support services for older adults and their caregivers.

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE – AGE to age IMPLEMENTATION
The following grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative to help older adults and their caregivers live well in their homes and communities.

Northern Itasca Hospital District, Bigfork
To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.

Barnum Schools - ISD #091, Barnum
To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE – AGE to age SUMMER COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM
The following grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative to help older adults and their caregivers live well in their homes and communities.

AGE to age Sites, Northeastern Minnesota
To provide paid internship opportunities to college students over the summer, to gain experience in intergenerational programming in their hometowns.

Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors
Hibbing AGE to age, Hibbing
Cloquet Public Schools - ISD #094, Cloquet
Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor
Chisholm KIDS PLUS, Chisholm
Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet
Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake
McGregor KIDS PLUS/Something Cool, Inc., McGregor

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE – AGING INNOVATIONS PROGRAM
The following grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative to help older adults and their caregivers live well in their homes and communities.

North Shore Area Partners, Silver Bay
To support the launch of a new program of in-home personal caregiving to older adults in eastern Lake County and western Cook County.
CAPACITY BUILDING

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Saint Paul**  $5,000
To support activities to strengthen the nonprofit sector in northeast Minnesota.

**Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage**  $8,000
To support the development of a website to provide historical, program, and community information for the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

**North House Folk School, Grand Marais**  $15,000
To provide increased staff capacity to support organizational expansion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VITALITY

**Iron Range Economic Alliance, Duluth**  $75
To support economic development efforts on the Iron Range.

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Saint Paul**  $750
Membership support for programs and activities in northeastern Minnesota.

**American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth**  $1,000
To support the Indigenous Foods Expo being held in September 2019.

**Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage**  $1,000
To support social engagement programming for Grand Portage elders.

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